

'Men Who Cook' once again take over the college



They only look scary. College staffers (L-R) Dr. Randy Jarrell, John Speights, and Johnny Parker cooked up a mean pot of gumbo for the fundraiser.

It does the heart good each year to come to the atrium of Shelton State and see about 100 men or so bustling around dishing up the grub.

From 6-8 p.m. on Friday evening, April 22, these men participated in the eighth annual Men Who Cook event to raise money for some good causes.

About 30 teams of men prepared favorite dishes for the public in the program sponsored by FOCUS: Alzheimer's family support group, the foster grandparent program, and the retired and

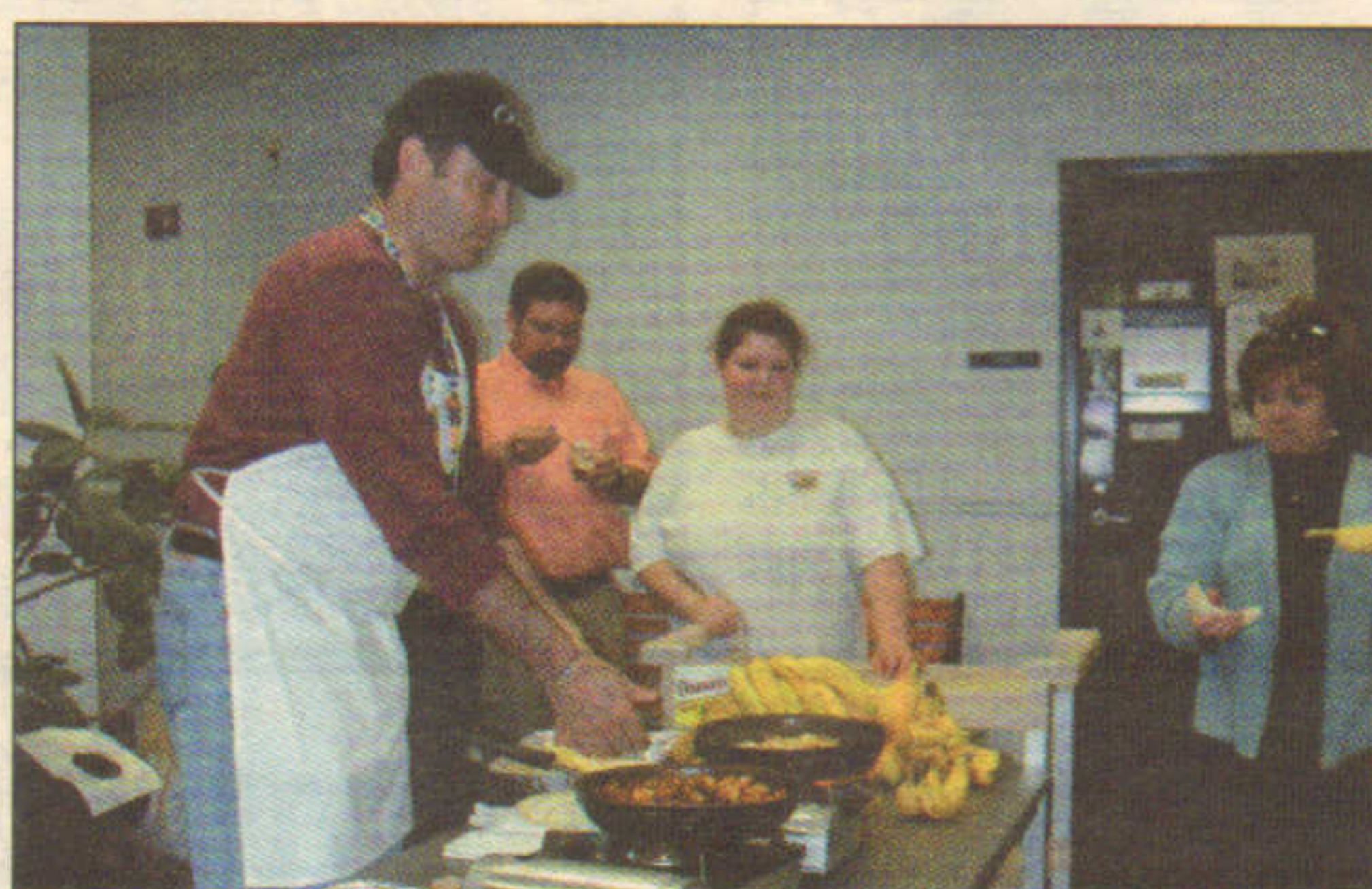
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Ping!



Molly Minton gets the Buccaneers offense going on Saturday. Though Minton has been one of the best hitters this season, nothing seemed to go just right for the home team as they lost all four of their final campus games. Still in the play-off hunt though, they will finish the season on the road.

Special luncheon kicks off Carrie Rogers campaign



Culinary instructor Chef Neil Revenna prepares his favorite dessert, Bananas Foster, during the luncheon that kicked off the campaign to fund a teaching award in Carrie Rogers's name.

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Baseball team hopes to roll with new momentum



Photo/Matt Celozzi

Sophomore Brett Bowen strikes out yet another batter in a 15-1 Shelton rout on April 24.

By Matt Celozzi
Sports Writer

As the saying goes, Rome wasn't built in a day. In fact, it took upwards of a thousand years. For the Shelton State Bucs, (22-20)(11-10 Conf.) it's only taken about two months for the pieces to start to fit.

Coach Sprowl's squad put together a five game win-streak over the last couple weeks before dropping a game to Wallace State-Hanceville on Tuesday.

But nothing has changed fundamentally for the Bucs. The usual suspects continue

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dedication to students and the field of mathematics is apparent to all who have witnessed her in action. In the Spring of 2004, Rogers retired due to medical reasons. Currently, she is undergoing treatment for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

The Carrie Crossley Rogers Outstanding Teacher Award is being established in honor of Rogers's hard work and excellence. This award will be given each year to recognize an outstanding teacher from Tuscaloosa Middle School or Shelton State Community College. The recipient of this award will be chosen each year by the teachers themselves.

The award will include a monetary gift to be used at the

discretion of the recipient to help meet the needs of their students. The first recipient of this award will be chosen from Tuscaloosa Middle School and will be presented during Honors Day on May 10, 2005. In 2006, this award will go to an outstanding instructor from Shelton State Community College.

Friends, colleagues, students, or student-teachers who have been touched by Rogers are invited to contribute to the establishment of this award. Both single and annual contributions are welcomed and appreciated.

Anyone interested in contributing to the The Carrie Crossley Rogers Outstanding Teacher Award should contact Maxine Perry in the Shelton State Community College Foundation Office at 205/391-2298 or via e-mail at mper-ry@sheltonstate.edu.

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Shelton State to honor adult education graduates

The Shelton State Adult Education Program will present its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. in the Umphrey Center on the Martin Campus of Shelton State.

The Shelton State Adult Education Program combined the work formerly handled by the Bibb, Greene, Hale and Sumter county school systems with Tuscaloosa City and County School Systems as well as Bryce Hospital to provide educational services in preparation for the General Education Development (GED) exam.

Kay Van Luvender, a 2005 graduate of the Adult Education Program, will serve as the student speaker. Dr. Cordell Wynn, Assistant to the President of Shelton State, will deliver the commencement address.

Wynn serves as President Emeritus of Stillman College, Trustee Emeritus of the University of Alabama System, a Paul Harris Fellow

by the Tuscaloosa Rotary Club, and emeritus member of the President's Roundtable of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). He was inducted into the Tuscaloosa County Civic Hall of Fame - Class of 2002. His broad experience as a professional educator includes positions at each educational level ranging from classroom teacher to guidance counselor; principal and superintendent to college professor, dean, and president.

Dr. Fran Turner, Program Director said, "The Shelton State Community College Adult Education Program serves a five county area with the unified vision of assisting adults in obtaining knowledge and skills for employment and self-sufficiency. We look forward to celebrating with our graduates and their loved ones at the GED Graduation Ceremony on May 7th."

For more information on the Adult Education program at Shelton State, please call 205/391-2662.

ShelTalk

The Third Rail

By AnTonio Nevels

How many of you are familiar with the concept of the "Third Rail of Government"?

Well, allow me to explain what it is. There are two rails on which a train runs and that is all well and good. But there's a third rail, the power rail, that if tampered with, you will in fact die.

That may seem like a strong statement but when you are talking about social security, it doesn't seem so bad does it?

Though I'm not the biggest expert on Social Security I've done some research and learned the following things.

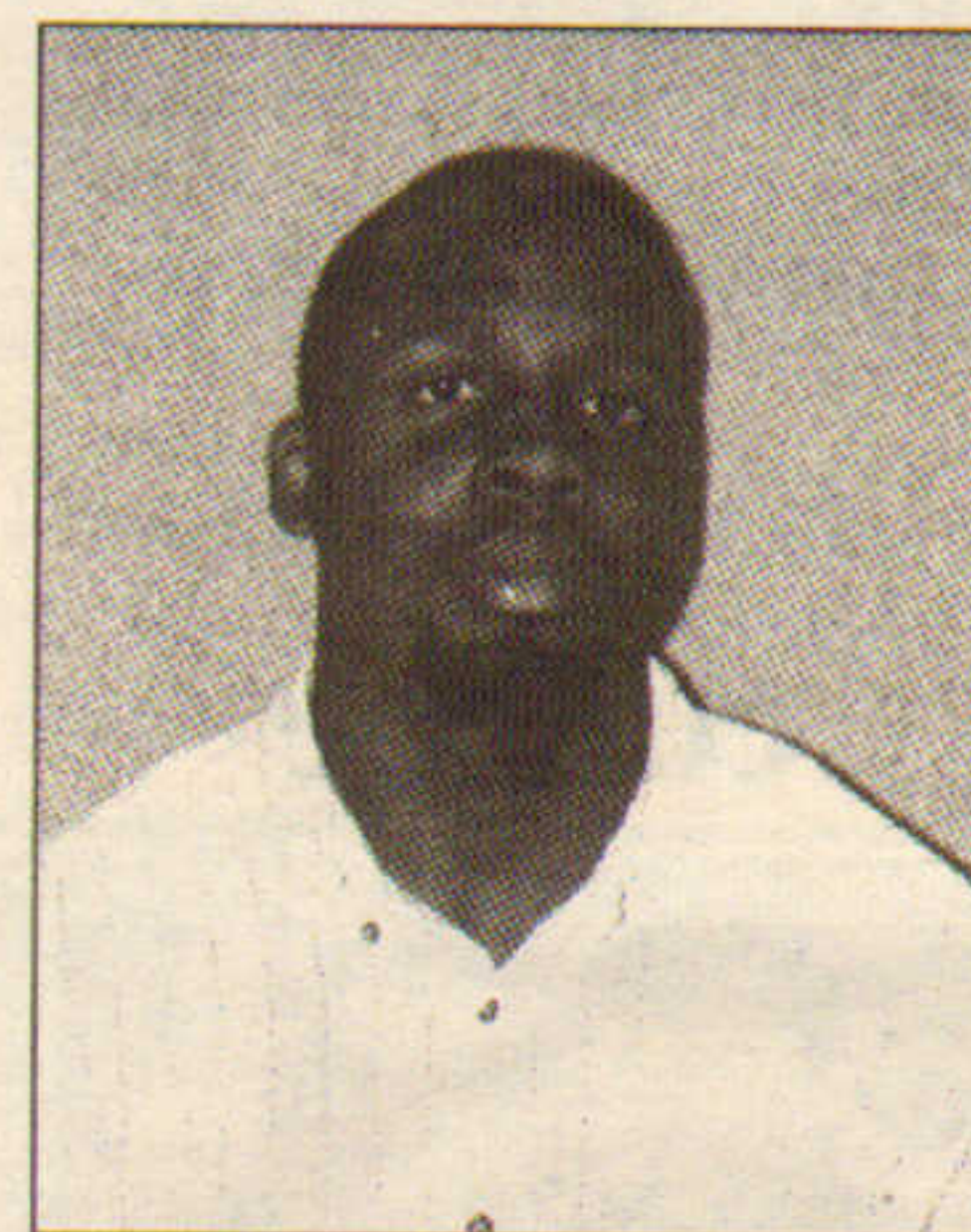
In 1935, President Franklin Roosevelt's administration proposed Social Security as a part of the New Deal package. It was originally called Old Age Insurance according to former Air Force Times writer Bruce Callander. Says Callander, "You don't hear that term as much anymore because people as young as 62 can draw benefits, and these days they don't like to be called old."

Basically what happens with Social Security is we put money into it when we first begin working. The money we (college students) put in helps those ahead of us and that process continues until we are old and gray. But there's a problem. When Social Security was created in 1935 life expectancy was lower and

people generally didn't live long enough to draw their benefits. Now, however, because of advances in medical science and because some have decided to go on diets and exercise our life expectancy has increased by more than 10 years and that has created a problem. The other issue is that there will be more people eventually receiving benefits than putting into the system.

At the moment President Bush and his administration are discussing the possibility of taking a certain percentage of the money you've put into the system and allowing you to invest it into whatever it is you wish. Instructor Ted Major, who teaches Principles of Marketing as well as other business classes, says, "I don't think that's a good idea because the numbers don't add up." Major suggests if there's enough economic growth in the stock market then tax revenue would increase and that could pay for Social Security. "I think the problems that he speaks of will hurt us in 40 or so years."

An article in *The New York Times* by Eduardo Porter suggests that maybe the elderly are drawing too many benefits. Says Porter, "Federal spending on people over 65 is seven times the amount spent on kids under 18. Porter goes on to say, "17.6 percent of children under 18 live in poverty, compared to 12.5 per-



AnTonio Nevels is a sophomore at Shelton State.

cent of the total population. Poverty among people over 65 is only 10.2 percent."

Older people of course have a different perspective. Tommie Lee Nevels, who is my grandfather, served 22 years in the Army. This is a man who put his life on the line and received such commendations as a Vietnam Service Medal and a Bronze Star. He says, "We've earned it, we've worked hard for it, and we deserve it." Nevels goes on to say he likes President Bush's idea only if your money is federally insured.

A survey that was recently conducted at Shelton State

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What everyone needs to know about wedding music



Church organist Jeff Binford (L) talks to music instructors Glinda Blackshear and Mark Brown and accompanist Susan Goode about the dos and don'ts of matrimonial music.

By **Amy P. Oswalt**
Editor

'Tis the season. Millions of potential brides in America are working on the plans for their wedding day.

There are flowers and churches, dresses and refreshments, rings and preachers to worry about.

And, oh yes, at least one more thing: the music.

Concerns over what kind of music to present at your wedding was the theme of a special Terrific Tuesday concert of the college's music program.

This series, headed up by Syble Coats, usually brings accomplished musicians for short-but-sweet mid-day concerts.

But on April 12, it did something a little different. Beginning with a presentation by Jeff Binford, the organist at First Presbyterian Church, and continuing with instructors Glinda Blackshear and Mark Brown, this TT session offered several memorable dos and don'ts.

The memorable don'ts based on the experience of some 3,000 wedding ceremonies include:

- If you're a bride, don't pull out a CD at the last second and launch into "I'd Rather Have Jesus" during the ceremony because it was your late mother's favorite song.

- Don't ask for "Ave Maria" if you're a Baptist; the song is essentially a prayer to

Mary, and Baptists don't pray to Mary.

- If you get married in a church, accept that you're going to have "church" music in your ceremony. Don't look to work in rock'n'roll.

- Don't pick out music that is too short for its function.

You don't want to repeat a 30-second tune with a 5-minute processional.

Some important do's include:

- Do get to know the organist at the chosen church. Get him or her on your side. Be reasonable and the organist will be sure to work with you.

- Churches have guidelines about what music is appropriate. Study them.

- Go in with a list of potential music and talk to the organist about it. If you want organ music, be aware not all music can be transcribed for organs.

According to Binford a fee of \$150 for organists is standard, considering they must be consulted beforehand and usually attend and play at rehearsal.

Other instrumentalists at the ceremony command a fee of \$100-150, with a soloist usually receiving \$100.

According to Binford, the most important thing for everyone to remember about the wedding day—when it comes to music or anything else—is that the wedding is for two people: the bride and her mother!

SSCC Dates to Remember

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their outstanding play.

Sophomore Corey Carter has maintained his torrid hitting with a .361 batting average, driving in 42 with 6 home runs.

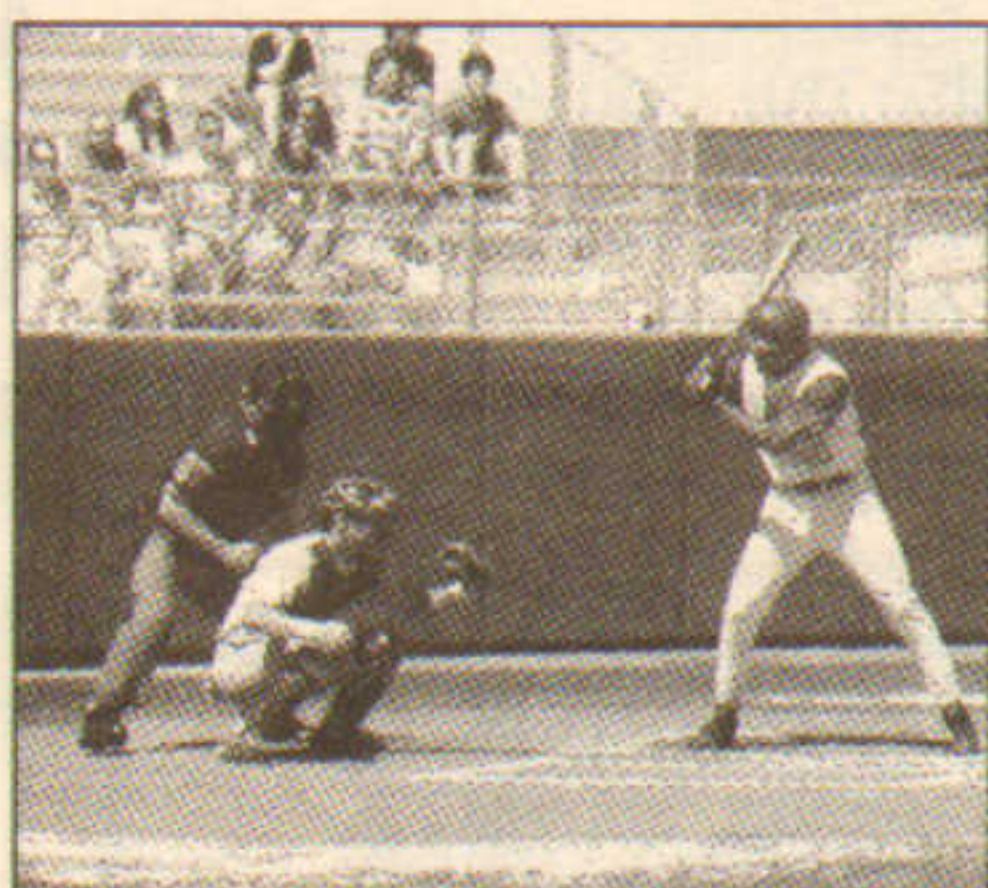
Sophomore Ben Daw's average has risen to a remarkable .452 with 31 R.B.I. and Brian Sprowl is hitting .356 with 25 driven in. The team is hitting .306 overall on the season.

Another positive trend that has emerged is the Bucs success on the basepaths. Carter is a perfect 17 for 17 in stolen bases and the team as a whole has only been thrown out twice all season.

With solid baserunning and excellent power numbers, run production will continue to come naturally for Shelton.

The Bucs have improved on the mound as well. The team has an overall E.R.A. of 3.36 in conference play.

The staff is led by Sophomore Brett Bowen who is having a tremendous sea-



Sophomore Corey Carter steps up to bat in the April 24 game against Central Alabama.

son. Bowen is 5 and 2 with a 2.68 E.R.A. Opposing batters have been confused by the right-hander all year, hitting only .211 against him.

Coach Sprowl says that now is the perfect time for everything to come together. "I really believe our early non-conference schedule is paying off now. We've never really had any fundamental problems all year. It was just a matter of putting it all together like I always knew we could."

Sprowl is also confident of the Bucs chances for the rest of the season.

"We're in fourth place in our division right now, but we control our own destiny as far as the playoffs go."

On April 24, Shelton played a make-up game with rival Central Alabama. Sophomore pitcher Brett Bowen turned in another excellent performance surrendering only one run.

The Bucs turned it on offensively, never being fooled by Central pitching.

Shelton went on to win the game 15-1.

Though the regular season is winding down, Shelton still has a number of important league games remaining.

After five on the road this week, the Bucs return home on Saturday, April 30 at noon to take on Jefferson State and again on May 5 with Southern Union.

Student support is now more important than ever, so Coach Sprowl urges fans to make their way out to the game.

No bill has presented to Congress yet because the discussions on what to do about the Social Security problem are on-going.

Though President Bush's idea sounds good in theory, Dr. Jim Kenny, *The Courier* publisher, says, "It hurts the system because you're only taking more money out of it." And let's face it, if you invest that money and you lose it, then you are in some serious trouble. You can go either way on this subject but we can all agree on this point.

Whatever decision the federal government comes to will impact this country for a very long time.

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showed that 92 percent of those surveyed are aware that there is a problem with Social Security. Though most are aware of problem a resounding 68 percent of the participants disagree with President Bush's proposal. Says Rita Tragemann, Shelton State employee, "I agree with it because we have to save the Social Security System for our children and grandchildren."

But says another Shelton employee, "He's just looking for a way to enrich his buddies on Wall Street. After the WMD, Bush is the last man to trust with Social Security." Student Jason Sims doesn't like the plan because, "I hate him," and student Roderick Dedrick says, "Hell No!"



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Steel Magnolias provides one sweet slice of life

By Dr. Jim Kenny
Publisher

I have never sat down and watched the movie *Steel Magnolias*, and it wasn't because I thought it would be too sappy, that it would be a chick flick. Really, I figured I would like it. I love Julia Roberts; I think Shirley Maclain is a hoot. Dolly Parton, Olympia Dukakis, Darryl Hannah! For God's sake, what's not to love? No, it just has never appeared on my to-do list on any given day.

So when the play version showed up on the lineup of Theatre Tuscaloosa, I definitely did put it on my list. Mirth and pathos in a beauty salon for a couple of hours? No prob: a few laughs; just don't look for the big guy to be shedding any tears.

The few laughs, it turned out, was just about right. The way life unfolds at Truvy's carport-turned-hair shoppe is, for me, no gut buster. These women of Chinquapin Parish (in Louisiana, of course) are too naturally funny to require overtly hilarious writing by the playwright Robert Harling. "I'm not crazy; I've just been in a very bad mood for 40 years," says "Weezer" Boudreux, as played by TT stalwart Drew Baker. And though all of them could not have been played out at Truvy's on Saturday mornings, it seems like they could have been.

For what the six women represent in this landmark comedic drama is something eternal: jocular friendship,

maybe the only thing that can get you through all the things life can throw your way. Anybody who has been fortunate enough to have such relationships in the full bloom of adulthood knows what I'm talking about. You can find it at work if you're lucky, maybe even at home. More likely, though, it's in the beauty shops and card clubs, the golf courses or hunting camps where one finds the support that's not too cloying nor too judgmental. Love that can set you straight with teasing as likely as with affection.

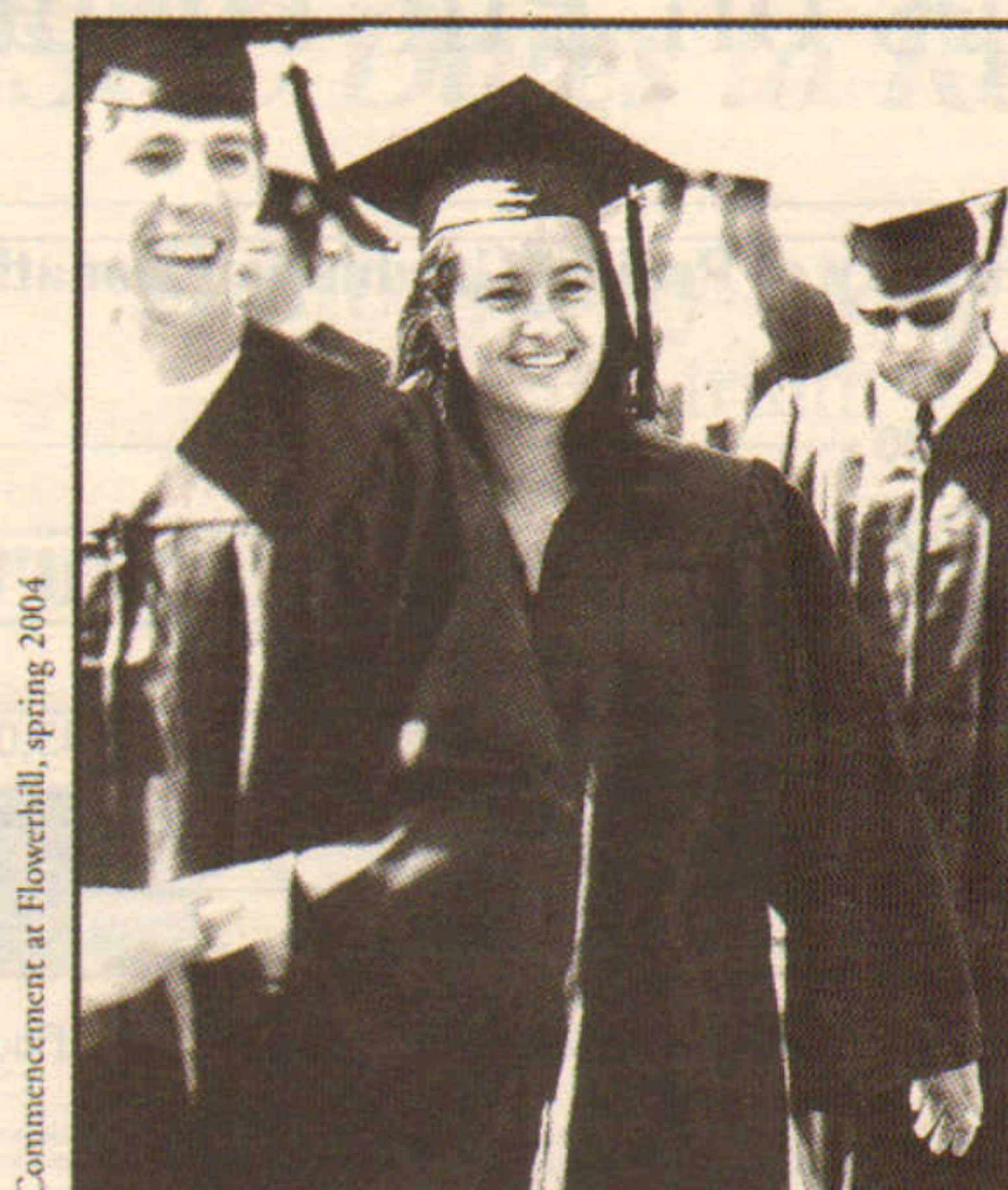
It's no wonder that some of the sweetest old birds of the parish find it at Truvy's. As played by Lauren Carr, she is that force of nature that keeps life churning come what may. It's life she's offering at the shoppe, even more than the latest hairdo.

Amanda Dodson as Annelle, Kathy Wilson as M'Lynn, Holly Isom as Shelby, Ava Buchanan as Clairee and Drew Baker as "Weezer." I now put it to you again: What's not to love?

Now I'll be thinking of *them* when I rent the DVD.

And I'll bet you those big Hollywood stars won't be able to make the big guy cry.

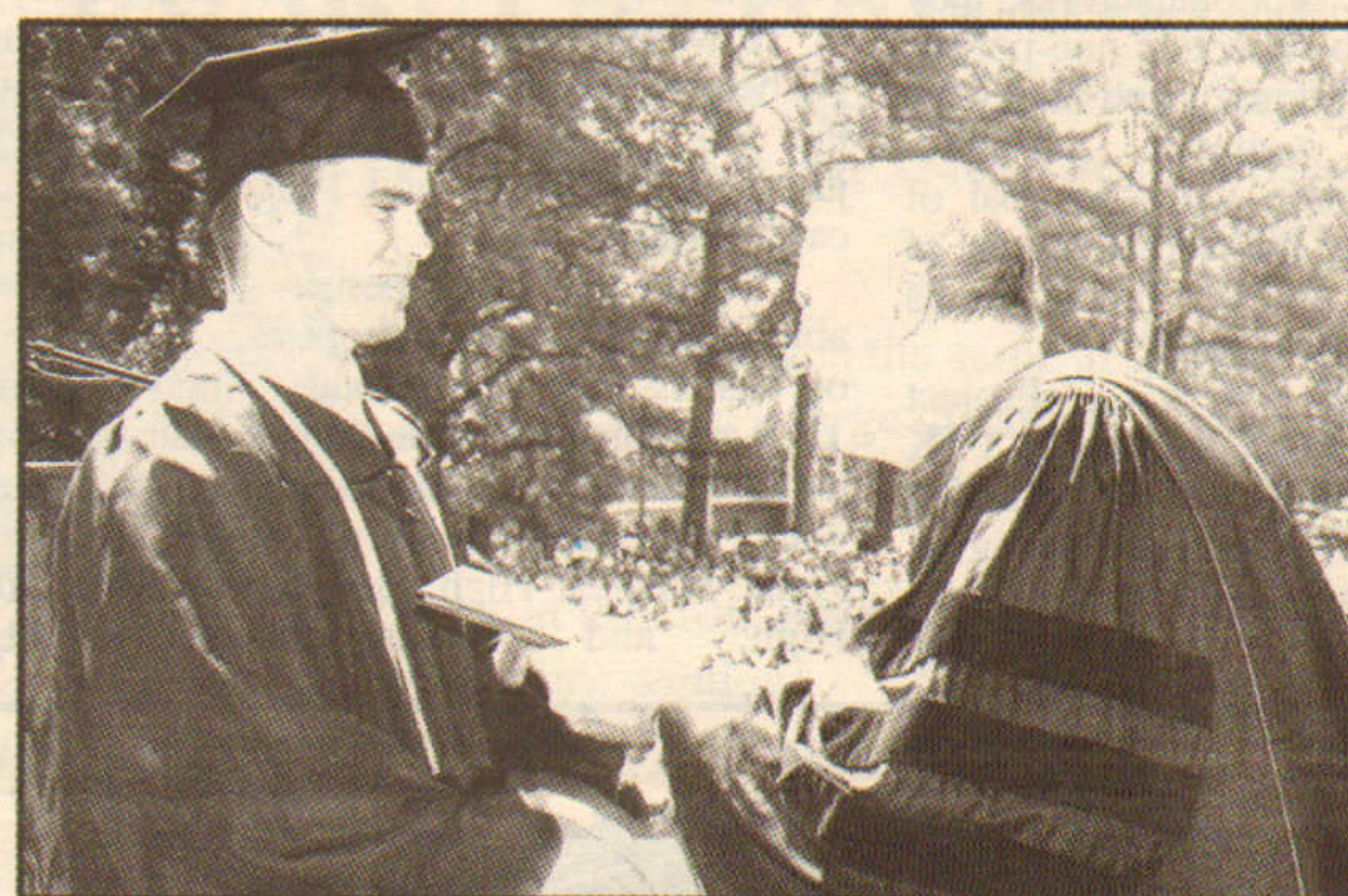
Steel Magnolias continues its run at the Bean-Brown Theatre on the campus of Shelton State at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 28-30, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Tickets may be reserved by calling the box office at 391-2277. Student tickets are only \$5.



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Enjoying a slice of armadillo cake (which figures in the plot of the play) are (L-R) Paul Looney, director; Holli Isom, who played Shelby; Theatre Tuscaloosa Director Michael Carr; Amanda Dodson, who played Annelle; and Jeanette Waterman, costume designer.

'Drive' caps off Phi Theta Kappa semester activities

By PTK and
AnTonio Nevels

Between officer inductions, fund drives and trips to Texas, it has been a busy semester for Phi Theta Kappa.

Project Graduation: "Feed a Body, Feed a Mind"

Phi Theta Kappa is giving back to the community at this year's commencement ceremony.

Not only will they be sending out graduates with exceptional GPA's, they are also collecting non-perishable food items and books for their annual Project Graduation with the goal of fighting the social issues of hunger and low literacy skills in the community.

This year's Project Graduation is headed by PTK Vice President of Service Kristin Nicholson. Kicking off on April 18, the project began slowly with only a few items

collected so far.

However, according to Nicholson, the goal is to beat last year's total donations of just over 300 books and 146 cans of food.

"We are taking non perishable foods and books in hopes of beating last year's totals. They are doing the same thing nationwide. We are donating what we collect to Turning Point. Hillcrest High, Bryant High, and Englewood

Elementary are also helping to collect items," said Nicholson.

The last day to donate is May 6. If you would like to make a donation there are barrels located throughout the campus.

Two are located on the second floor just in front of the stairwell and two more in front of the cafeteria area.

New Officers Installed

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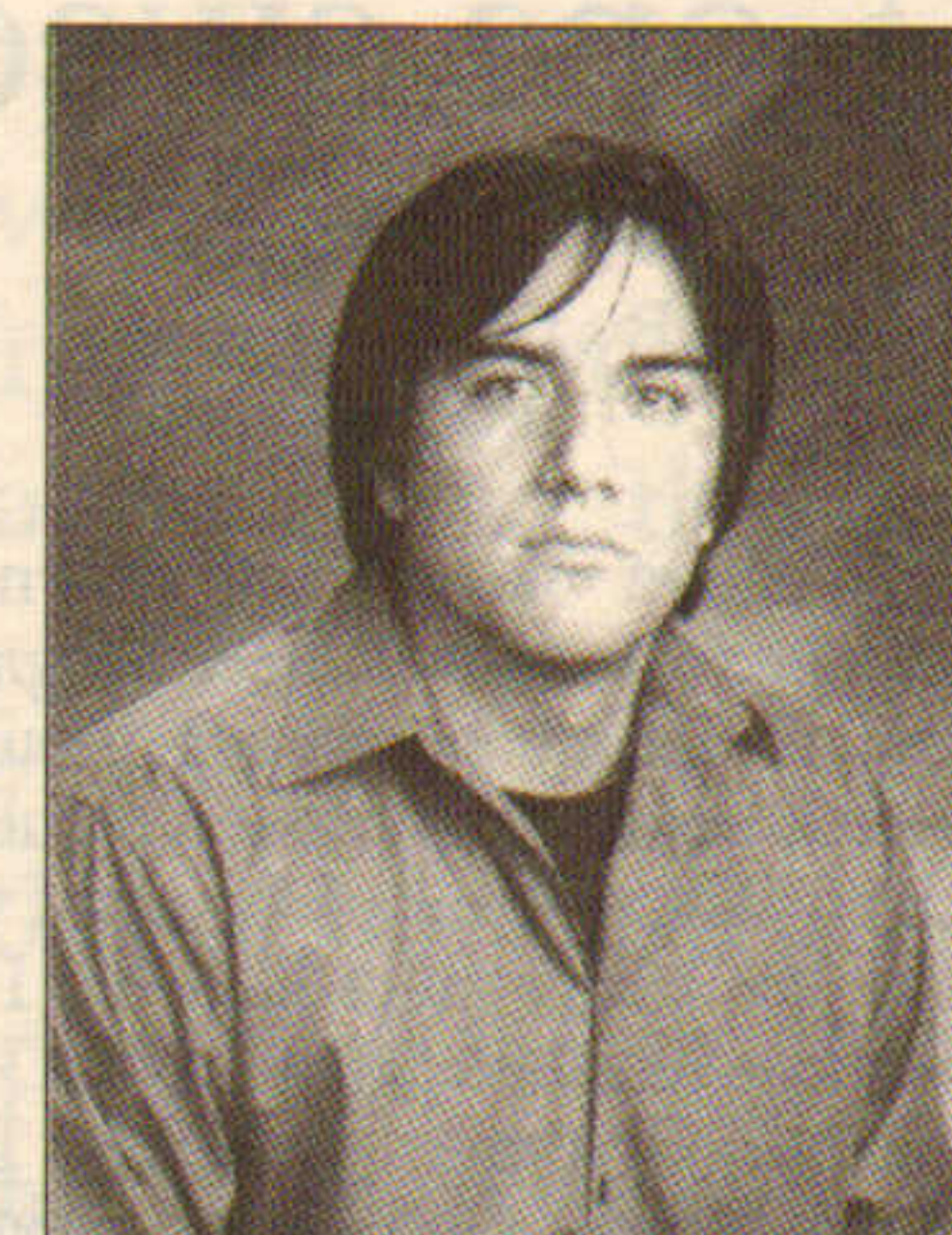
chapter of Phi Theta Kappa recently installed the 2005-2006 chapter officers.

The new officers are: President, Courtney Williamson; Leadership team leader, Katie Garrett; Scholarship team leader, John Sturdivant; Service team leader, Kristin Nicholson; Fellowship team leader, Greg Dike; and Communications team leader, Ashley Melton.

According to the officers, they are excited about the upcoming year and are already making plans.

International Convention

Phi Theta Kappa attended the 87th International Convention in Dallas, Texas on April 13-17. Those attending were: Advisor, Julia Speights; Coordinator, Claire Brock; Officers: Lindsey Thomas, Brittany Cockrell, Laurie Bowden, and James Marchant.



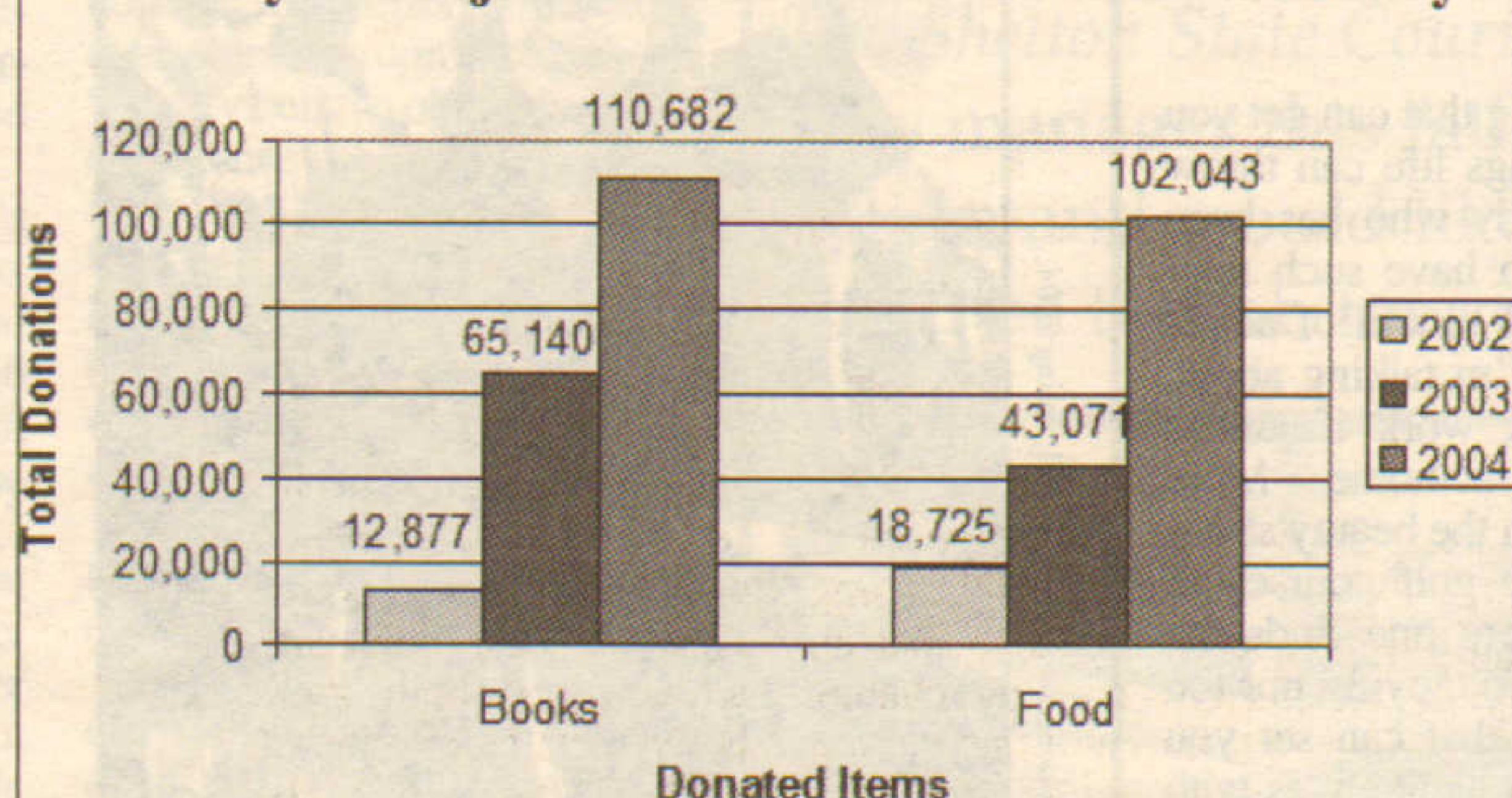
Phi Theta Kappa member Johnatan Dillon was honored by USA Today on April 7 at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. Lucy Baxley was the keynote speaker at the banquet.

The week was filled with educational meetings, general sessions and lots of fun according to the attendees.

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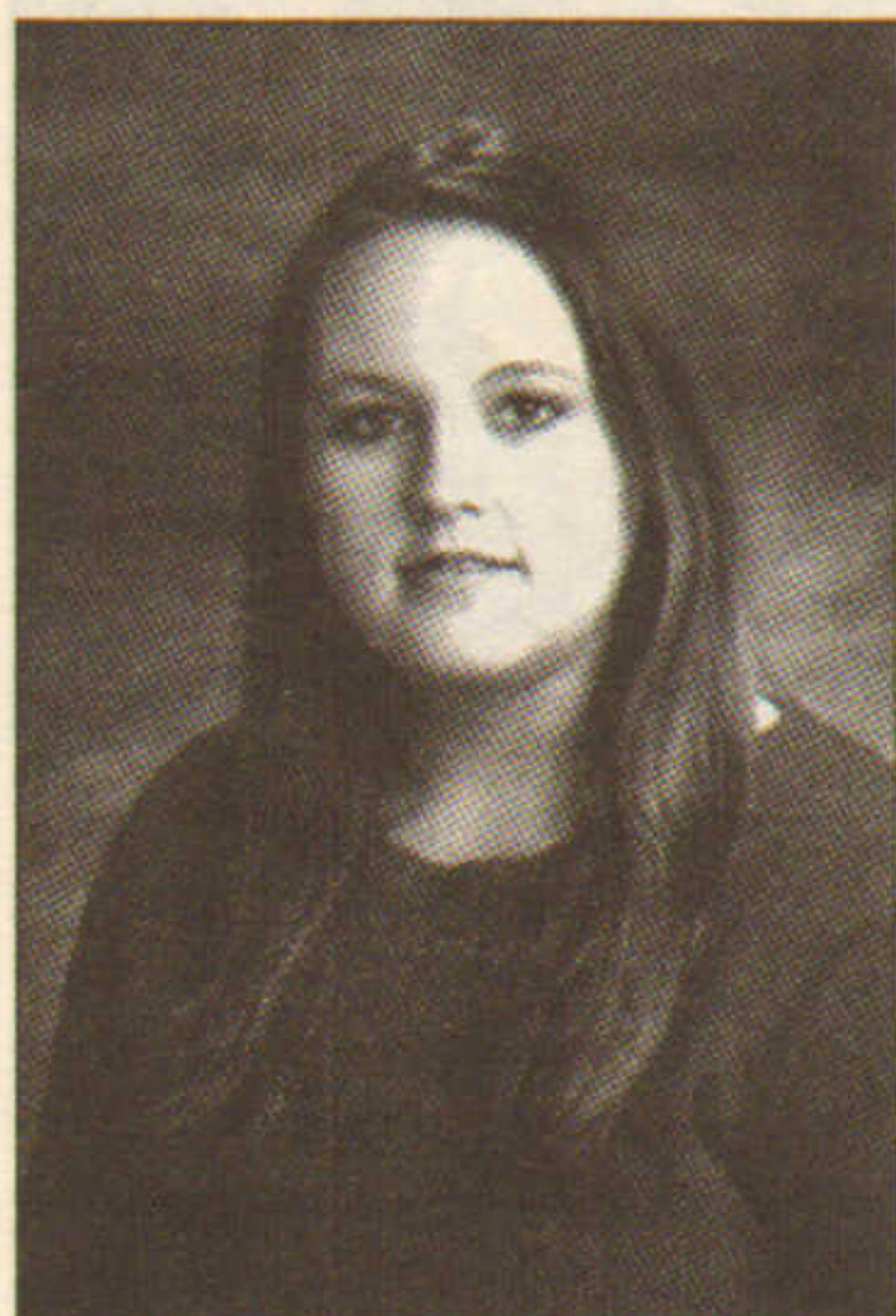
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Phi Theta Kappa member Lindsey Thomas was honored by USA Today at a banquet held at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham on April 7.

Some of the key speakers for the general sessions were Former Mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, Patti Labelle, and Michael Weiss.

Former Mayor Giuliani spoke on leadership and then participated in a panel discussion with Phi Theta Kappa alumni.

Patti Labelle, acclaimed pop and soul singer who has won every major award and recognition for her music career, delivered the keynote address entitled "Continue the Fight" the fight against cancer.

Michael Weiss, three time U.S. National Champion Figure Skater, was named the 2005 Alumnus of the year and spoke on community service and charitable organizations.

An Alabama Regional member of Phi Theta Kappa, JT Bullock of Jefferson State Community College, ran for Division II Vice President and won.

This is a great honor for Bullock personally as well as a great honor for the Alabama Region.

While in Dallas the group from Shelton State went to the Dallas Museum of Art and did a little sight seeing.

This was a very rewarding and educational experience for the Phi Theta Kappa members and they are very appreciative to those who made the trip possible.

Relay for Life

Phi Theta Kappa participated in Relay for Life on April 15.

The Shelton State chapter helped raise money for the International Phi Theta Kappa goal of \$1 million to go to the American Cancer Society for cancer research.

The event was filled with food and entertainment and a lot of laps around the track. Shelton State's Phi Theta Kappa chapter would like to thank all those who participated in the event and those who made the event a success.

Softball team hanging in at second

By Barret Smith
Sports Writer

Thirty-five games and one coach later it most definitely has not been an easy season for the Shelton State Bucs softball team but somehow the players and coaches have managed to keep their heads up.

It was already supposed to be somewhat of a rebuilding year and then add to that an unexpected coaching change midway through the season and you have a recipe for disaster which is exactly what has not happened!

Under interim head coach Chris Samford and interim asst. coach Madonna Thompson the Bucs were 19-16 on the year going into the last homestand and in second place in the central division at 5-3 behind Central Alabama who is a perfect 10-0 on the season thus far.

Molly Minton, Leah James, and Susie Smith have combined for 9 homeruns and 27 RBI's to lead the Bucs offensively making up for a

lack of effective pitching this season.

With four games left in the season and two of them coming against undefeated division leader Central Alabama the road to the playoffs will definitely not be an easy one.

Over the weekend the Bucs played two double headers, one against arch rival Jefferson State and the other against division leader Central Alabama. On Saturday they would drop both games at home to Jefferson State.

In the first game the Bucs just couldn't seem to find any offense and Jefferson State hit every gap they could find in the outfield and would go on to win 2-0.

In the second game Jeff State jumped out to a 5-0 lead early in the first inning but the Bucs would respond in the bottom of the inning with three runs of their own.

In this game it wasn't offense that was the problem as the Bucs scored 7 runs; it just wasn't enough to overcome the 9 runs that Jeff State scored. With 4 games left in



A Jeff State player slides past Lady Buc catcher Leah James in Shelton's April 23 game.

the season the Bucs still look to make the playoffs but definitely have some work to do should they hope to make it very far.

One fan after the Jeff State game said "they really are better than they played today and I'm sure that they will get back on track for the playoffs."

On Sunday in the second double header of the weekend against Central Alabama who is now 12-0 in the division the Bucs problems from the day before got even bigger as they lost the first game 14-0 and the second game 10-2.

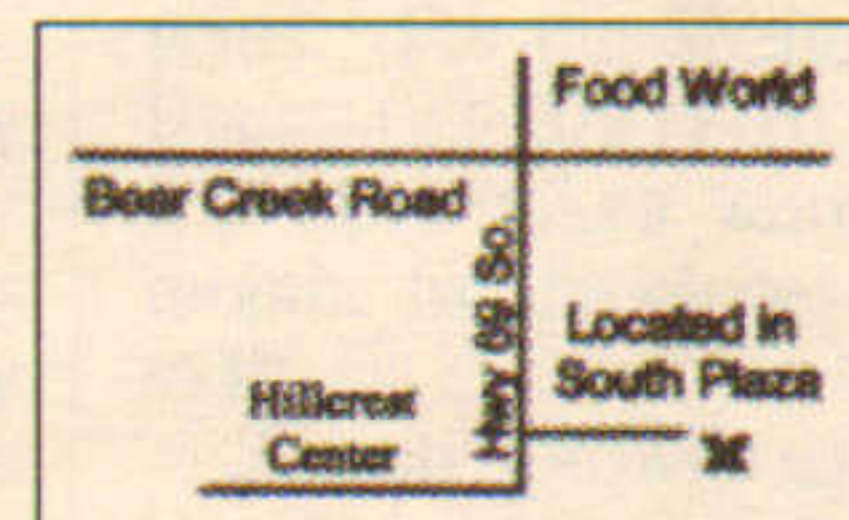
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senior volunteer program.

To get things really moving and shaking on the stormy evening, the John Hall Trio provided live entertainment.

The scrumpchdilliumptuous event was preceeded by a silent auction.

Taking center stage and for the main course there was food of every kind, from appetizers to full-bore barbecue.

The fired-up teams ranged from judges and firemen to

lawyers
and
retirees.

Amelia Hayes, the executive director of FOCUS, hoped to raise at least \$20,000 from the culinary exploits of the community's wannabe chefs.



Mayor Al Dupont and City Councilman Kip Tyner (L) serve their favorite recipe during the eighth annual Men Who Cook event on April 22. (Above) The John Hall Trio provided live entertainment during the fundraiser.

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